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Royal Purple branch at crossroads

BY PAUL FREY
 MVP Staff

The Royal Purple branch in Didsbury is currently at a crossroads with most members deciding that they will hang up their colours at the end of 2014.

The national Order of the Royal Purple decided at its national convention in May to pass a motion declaring itself the Royal Purple Society of Canada. As a result, members and branches across Canada have until the end of December to decide whether they want to form a new affiliation with the society or become an Elks Royal Purple of Canada chapter.

Honored Royal Lady Shirley Thompson of the local Royal Purple said the decision is causing some angst among the members in Didsbury. She said because many of the members are older, most will not continue beyond Dec. 31 when the current charter expires.

Of the 18 current members, she said to her knowledge only four have expressed an interest in staying on to form a new group.

The charter of each Royal Purple chapter is held by the Elks of Canada. Thompson said the Elks have decided to revoke each of the charters, causing Royal Purple members to wonder what their future might be.

When the Royal Purple started 100 years ago, the Elks held the charter for each Royal Purple affiliate, as a ladies auxiliary of the Elks. A few years ago, the Elks decided they would accept women as members.

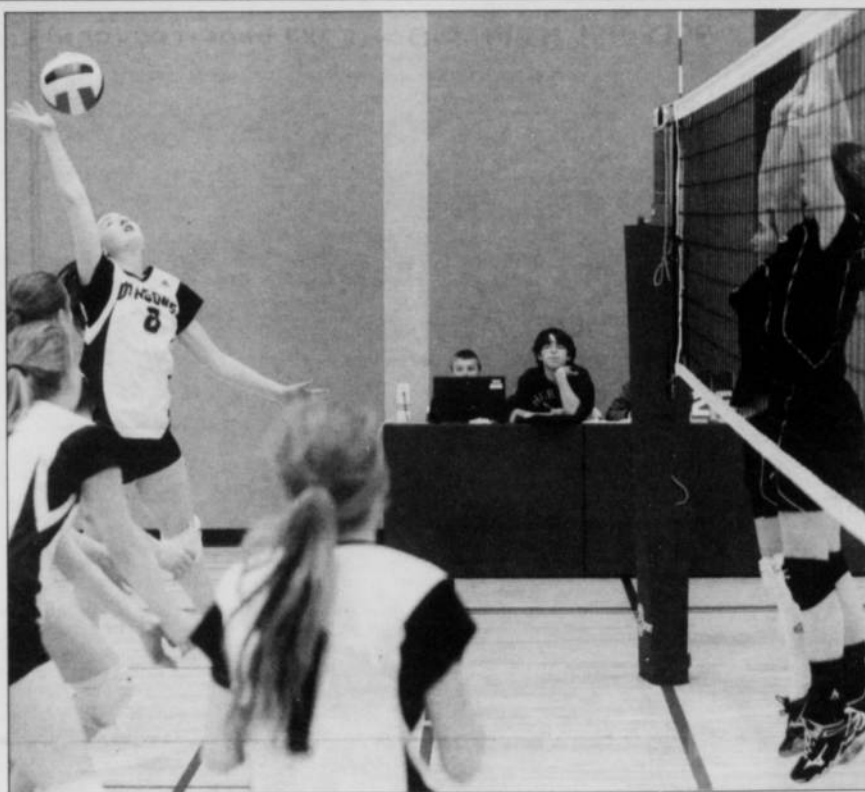
"The national Elks of Canada have taken away the Royal Purple charter. We've been (affiliated with) them for 100 years ... and possibly we think they might be wanting to pick up other members because their membership is falling too," Thompson said.

The local membership of the Royal Purple "are shocked by it all and the majority of our members will quit. And this is all across Canada, this is not just us," Thompson said.

But the national executive of the Royal Purple took the decision to sever ties with the Elks on its own, said Garnet Roth, manager of member services with the Elks of Canada. He said the Elks didn't take away charters of Royal Purple chapters.

"Their supreme executive decided to form a society ... so that's the decision that is in front of the lodges right now, whether they want to join the Canadian Royal Purple Society or convert to a ... Royal Purple Elks lodge," he said.

Thompson said if the Didsbury affiliate of the Royal



VOLLEYBALL ACTION - Didsbury High School Dragons senior volleyball player Claire Nixon spikes the ball during the Dragons game against the St. Joes Crusaders at the zone playoffs at Hugh Sutherland School on Nov. 14.

Noel West/MVP Staff

Purple did form a new Royal Purple Society affiliate, it would be difficult for the group to continue with only a few members.

She is one of only two charter members that remain active with the organization since its formation 46 years ago. She is undecided at this point whether she will continue beyond December, but added that if she continues, she won't be an active member.

"I've been with Royal Purple for 46 years and I'm tired. I've done an awful lot of work over the years (and) my age is against me too, so I wouldn't be able to pick up and do the work that I have done," she said, noting that many members feel the same way.

But Joan Hannah, another member of the Didsbury Royal Purple affiliate, said she is one of six members that are determined to continue on as part of a new

Elks Royal Purple affiliate. The grand exalted ruler (national president) of the Elks of Canada is scheduled to come to Didsbury on Dec. 17 to present the new lodge with its charter.

Thompson said the Elks made the decision as a way to restructure, but that restructuring is hurting the Royal Purple. She said because the younger generation isn't volunteering in large numbers, or putting in time organizing functions, a lot of service groups are in the same position.

"The younger generation just aren't picking up. They don't want to put the effort into raising funds, it's sort of much nicer to go out and go to another organization for funding or see if they can get some through government programs," Thompson said.

Royal Purple 'a proud group' says charter member

BY PAUL FREY
 MVP Staff

Didsbury would lose an essential community group if the Didsbury chapter of the Order of the Royal Purple disbands at the end of the year, says a charter member.

Shirley Thompson, who has been with the group for 46 years and is

the current Didsbury chapter president, said the community would be losing a lot if the group went under.

The chapter, along with all others across Canada, has until Dec. 31 to decide if it wants to join the Elks as an auxiliary or strike out on its own by joining with the Royal Purple Society of Canada.

"It's disturbing. We were a proud group. Us ladies did a lot of things in the community. A lot of times we weren't noticed, we just went ahead and did our thing," she said.

The group formerly organized many teas, entertainment at the hospital, cabarets and other functions.

Apart from the membership getting older, Thompson said she's

noticed a change in the community in which large functions aren't being organized like they were in the past.

"We did an awful lot of catering for years: banquets, weddings, cabarets and things. That's where we did our fundraising. But we do not have the members that are able to do that anymore," Thompson said.



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Local flutist earns gold medal from Royal Conservatory

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Local flutist Tesia Runnett recently earned a gold medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music.

She earned the honour by achieving the highest mark of all Grade 6 flutists in the province on a practical exam. Eligible candidates must achieve 80 per cent on the exam and complete the co-requisite theory exam for Grade 6 flute. The medal was awarded on Nov. 2 at a ceremony in Calgary.

Runnett, 15, has been playing the

flute for five years.

"I like the way it sounds. I enjoy making music. I really like performing for people so that I can share that sort of experience," she said.

Runnett credits her teacher Stephanie Larouche for much of her success on the flute. Runnett has been practising with Larouche for five years.

Runnett also plays the harp. She said on a trip to Lake Louise she saw a harpist playing and she decided to learn that instrument as well.

"I was in Lake Louise one year and there was a harpist perform-

ing at the hotel there. It was just so beautiful, I just wanted to try it," she said.

Runnett said the two instruments are extremely different, with the harp being a stringed instrument and the flute being a wind instrument.

"The technique required to play them, you're actually using two different parts of your body," she said.

The Royal Conservatory of Music is one of the largest music and arts education organizations in the world. Musicians have written more than 140,000 royal conservatory exams in Alberta during the past decade.



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Tesia Runnett plays the flute at her home in Didsbury on Nov. 15.

Katy Lucas named Miss Rodeo Canada

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

After competing against four other contenders, 21-year-old Katy Lucas was crowned Miss Rodeo Canada 2015 on Friday, Nov. 7 at the Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton.

It was a tough competition, said Lucas, and although she has spent years preparing herself, "it was by no way an easy competition... (the other competitors) definitely kept me on my toes the whole time. There was no room for mistakes throughout the competition."

The competitors are judged on horsemanship,

public speaking, a fashion show, a personal interview and a written exam including horsemanship and rodeo knowledge, she explained.

She did really well in the horsemanship category, where she had to ride three horses that she'd never been on before. Her skill of reading horses served her well in that portion of the competition, she noted.

"I was very, very nervous for public speaking. I'm usually not so nervous about it, but my knees were rattling the entire time I did my speech. But I feel that I am a very strong public speaker and it's something I've done some training with,

going to school for communication arts specialized in broadcasting, so I was quite happy with that too."

Her new crown has been a lifetime in the making, as she decided she wanted the position when she was about three years old, she said.

"So for the past 18 years I've been preparing for this title. I did a lot of studying. The last month leading up to it was a lot of hard studying of the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) rulebook and their media guide which has bios on all of the top contestants."

She also studied CPRA news releases to keep up with news in the organization and made sure to read up on current events around the world as well.

"When I was getting ready for the competition

I kept asking past rodeo queens: if they could give me one piece of advice what would it be. And not one of them said anything different - every single one of them said you need to be yourself."

So after studying exhaustively prior to the competition, she reached a certain point where she decided she would rather get one question wrong and present herself in the best way possible, than to get everything right and go into the competition tired and not feeling her best.

"So it kind of changed for me. I studied, studied, studied for - well 18 years I've been prepping, but at one point I said to myself 'OK you've done the research. You've done enough hard work. Now let's just relax and be yourself."

"It's hard to have a per-

sonality when you're a zombie," she joked.

As for how she feels about taking the title, she said it still hasn't really set in.

"I look out the window and I'm really surprised to see my brand-new truck waiting for me, and I open my protective hat box and I'm really shocked to see the (Miss Rodeo Canada) crown in there instead of my Miss Ponoka Stampede crown."

"So I don't think it's set in yet and it probably won't set in until my first big event, which is the National Finals Rodeo on the fourth of December, so it's still very surreal to me," she added.

"I think when you prep for something for 18 years, and then it all of a sudden comes down to one super-fast week that just flies by, it's kind of hard to believe that it's

happened."

She thinks it's exciting that Mountain View County has had two Miss Rodeo Canadas in three years. Didsbury-raised Gillian Shields was crowned in 2012.

It's going to be a very busy year for her, as her predecessor made 400 appearances during her tenure as Miss Rodeo Canada and she said she's excited to see what the year has in store.

One goal she has made for herself is to raise awareness of the treatment of animals in the rodeo world.

"Because rodeo is so foreign to other people there are a lot of misconceptions that come along with it, specifically with animal welfare and how we treat our animals in rodeo."

"I want to use my position this year to spread some knowledge and education to people outside the rodeo world."

She noted that Jo Lawes, a Didsbury woman specializing in coaching upcoming rodeo royalty, has coached her since before she had the Carstairs Rodeo Queen title in 2008.

"And she's always been a great mentor to me. With (Miss Rodeo Canada) you're not allowed to have a coach with you there, but she did help me prepping a little bit before Miss Ponoka Stampede, and she's the one that gave me my start and then I just kept building on the solid foundation that she gave."



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TYKE: Ayden Pross

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Loves learning how to ride his dirt bike, helping Jeff, Papa Les & Bill fix things. Ayden's favourite hockey team is the Calgary Flames and his favourite movie is Planes.

TYKE: Ryder Mierke

Age: 6



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Council defers decision on dog park

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council deferred a decision to decrease the tax bill of the Didsbury Veterinary Clinic after a presentation was made to council members at their Oct. 28 meeting.

Dr. Andy Mencarelli told council that since the clinic opened the dog park on the clinic's property just over a year ago, many people and their animals take advantage of the space on a regular basis. He estimated that about 10 to 12 people and their dogs use the space on a daily basis, with many handlers being in charge of more than one dog when they come to the area.

"We're very happy with what the town has done," he said, noting the town staff have been extremely cooperative in helping maintain

the facility.

Mencarelli told council members that off-leash dog areas are extremely popular with animals and their handlers in the Lower Mainland of B.C., where he grew up.

Mencarelli said the veterinarians at the clinic spent about \$5,000 in materials constructing the off-leash area. He asked if council would consider forgiving half of the \$5,000 invested in the park from this year's veterinary property tax bill and then \$1,000 off the bill in subsequent years. He said the percentage shaved off the clinic's tax bill would be proportionate to the amount of land the clinic is donating to the community as an off-leash area.

In an interview, Mencarelli said in earlier conversations with town officials, he said they agreed that

since the clinic is allowing the public to use an estimated 20 per cent of its land for free that a tax break could be worked out.

Mencarelli has never seen a problem when there are a dozen dogs in the area at once. He also said one person has expressed an interest in using the area for a dog agility course.

Since the clinic has an abundance of land, Mencarelli said clinic staff felt they could use it for an off-leash space as opposed to advocating for one elsewhere in town.

"It's kind of a weird shape and we just don't use it that much, so I thought the best use for that area would be the off-leash dog park. We had everything (to make an ideal space). All we had to do was erect that fence. And we did that," he said.



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HURRY HARD - Team Shultz member Emma Shultz directs Sydney Snyder, left, and Ellen Van Noordenburg, right, during the girls game against Team Pisarczyk at a junior curling bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Club on Nov. 15.

Residence ransacked

A woman returned to her rural summer home southwest of Didsbury to find that it had been broken into while she was away, said Didsbury RCMP Const. Keith Gill.

The window was broken and the house had been rummaged through, along with all the outbuildings on the property.

Police attended and the woman reported that she believed that some items were missing but wasn't sure exactly what was missing at that time, he said.

"It looked like it was a seasonal residence. So she lives in Leduc and this is her summer residence," said Gill, noting that it was vacant at the time, and that she believes that it happened relatively recently.

Police briefs

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Plate missing

A man living on Southridge Crescent noticed that the licence plate on his Jeep Liberty

was missing on Nov. 6, according to Const. Keith Gill.

The vehicle had been parked in front of his drive-

way. Gill noted that generally thefts like this are so thieves can get a plate that appears legitimate, usually so they can put it on a vehicle without valid registration and transport it elsewhere before throwing out the plate.

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NOVICE: Tristan Visser
Age: 8 Position: Forward

Tristan's favourite hockey player is Patrick Kane. He likes the song Turn Down for What and his favourite sport is hockey.

NOVICE: Nicholas Sloan
Age: 7 Position: Forward

Nicholas likes the colour blue. His favourite hockey player is Sidney Crosby and his favourite hockey team is the Didsbury Ramblers.

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Ozzie, a cocker spaniel and Frank, a German shepherd, get their photo taken with Santa at Main Street Unique on Nov. 16.

Humane Society raising awareness of need for shelter

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Wild Rose Humane Society (WRHS) is once again raising awareness of the need for a shelter in the local area.

The society invited owners of pets to bring them in to Main Street Unique on Nov. 16 to have their photos taken with Santa, raising funds and awareness for the cause. The society is still looking for a location to build a shelter.

In addition to the event in Didsbury, a similar event was also hosted in Olds and another one is planned for Nov. 22 near Airdrie.

"What's happening now is that people are having to go to Calgary or Red Deer (to shelter an animal) and Red Deer is full. In Red Deer, it's about a three-month wait to get an animal in there," said Derek Sutherland, a WRHS board member.

Because of that, Sutherland said many people in the area who have unwanted animals are simply driving them out to the country and abandoning them.

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Church Directory

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Didsbury, Alberta
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Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
For more information go to
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403-335-3551
Email info@venuechurch.ca
www.venuechurch.ca

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Catholic Women's League:
Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
Knights of Columbus:
Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
For more information
Oids St. Steven's Office
403-556-3084

Redeemer Lutheran Lutheran Church Canada

1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohrs
Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 2, 4 & 5 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group
Small Group Bible Study meetings
throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 403-335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly
activities please call the Church Office.

Anglican Church of Canada St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
Rector - David Asher
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion - 2nd & 4th Sunday
each month

West Zion Mennonite Church

westzion.com has a map for directions
Senior Pastor Don Shortt
Youth Pastor Josh Tiel
Sunday Services 10:00 am
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#802 Secondary Highway 582
Phone: 403-335-3629
Web: www.zemc.org
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor
Alison Lefebvre, Youth Pastor
Christine Little, Children's Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 am
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AROUND TOWN

WITH THE DIDSBURY LIBRARY

November 19

"What's It All About Wednesdays" at the Library. Meet Melanie Barr and learn all about Rent-to-Own options in real estate. Information session is from 7 to 8 pm.

November 19

"Who Picked That Book? Club" meeting, 2:00 pm at the Library. The book for this month is "I Am Malala", by Malala Yousafzai. Everyone welcome!

November 19

Opera at the Library. Join Jamie Syer in a "Skype" session at the Library at 6:30 pm, when he will tell us all about the opera "The Barber of Seville". Then, see that opera at Galaxy Cinema in Red Deer: "Live At the Met" screening on Saturday, November 22.

November 22

Christmas Pudding Tea and Bake Sale from 2 to 4 pm at the Anglican Church Hall 2037 24 Avenue in Didsbury. Christmas Pudding (or Celiac Christmas Pudding) and sauce. Sponsored by the St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Women.

November 28

Didsbury Country Christmas brought to you by the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce. Detailed information will be in the Review and on posters around town. Rocky Mountain Outlook, (Nov 21, 2013), p. A16

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Opinion

Editorial Agriculture and energy cooperation a must for Alberta



DAN
SINGLETON

As two of the key drivers of the provincial economy, the agriculture and energy industries are equally important to the well-being of communities across the province, including in West Central Alberta.

Generating employment and revenue used to finance schools, hospitals, roads and a myriad of other things, the industries are, and always have been, vital to the ongoing success of the province.

Unfortunately, as the joint users of lands in the province, the industries have sometimes come into conflict in terms of access and development.

In an effort to improve the relationship between the oil and gas industry and the agriculture industry, the provincial Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) has launched a new public awareness effort.

The effort aims, in part, to increase the basic understanding of ethics when it comes to the multiple uses of rural lands.

"While there are many excellent companies and land agents, unfortunately there are also some who use questionable ethics in their negotiations with farmers and ranchers," said FAO spokesperson Carol Goodfellow. "The FAO believes that it is important that landowners are treated fairly and respectfully."

A big part of ensuring that farmers and ranchers have their rights respected when it comes to resource development on their lands is honesty and integrity on the part of oil and gas representatives, she said.

"Agreements should fully disclose all impacts of the development and be forthright about the future intentions of the project as they relate to the landowner," she said. "Furthermore, the agreement should detail all commitments that were formed during the discussions."

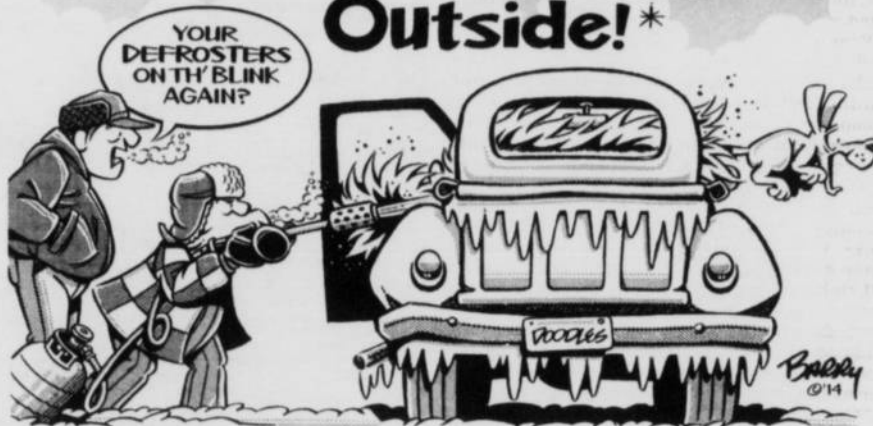
The Sundre Petroleum Operators Group (SPOG) is made up of oil and gas companies with operations in West Central Alberta. It also includes association members such as Mountain View County.

SPOG has implemented a proactive engagement process that its officials say "ensures that information is available to the public (including farmers and ranchers) on industry projects, and where applicable, that the community has ample opportunity for input early in the design of bigger projects. Unique performance measures are created that the community uses to audit the company performance for each project."

As one of the representatives of the oil and gas industry in this region, SPOG's past efforts have proven helpful in addressing farmers' and ranchers' concerns about petroleum development, says SPOG executive director Tracey McCrimmon.

The agriculture and energy industries are key to the well-being of Alberta, including to the success of West Central Alberta rural communities. As such, this ongoing work by the Farmers' Advocate Office and by SPOG should be applauded.

Baby, it's Cold Outside!



Commentary

Slow down, take stock of nature

BY DAVID SUZUKI

The Amazon rainforest is magnificent. Watching programs about it, we're amazed by brilliant parrots and toucans, tapirs, anacondas and jaguars. But if you ever go there expecting to be overwhelmed by a dazzling blur of activity, you'll be disappointed. The jungle has plenty of vegetation – hanging vines, enormous trees, bromeliads and more – and a cacophony of insects and frogs. But much of the activity goes on at night or high up in the canopy.

Films of tropical forests don't accurately reflect the reality of the ecosystems. They're skillfully edited shots acquired over many months. Our media-nurtured impatience and urgent sense of time often prevent us from seeing how life truly unfolds.

Nature needs time to adjust and adapt to biosphere changes. After life appeared on Earth, atmospheric oxygen gradually went from zero to 20 per cent, oceans appeared and disappeared, mountains thrust upward and then eroded, continents moved on tectonic plates, climate cycled between ice ages and warm intervals, magnetic poles reversed and re-reversed. Life flourished because species and ecosystems evolved over time.

The fossil record also indicates periods of rapid change, including mass extinctions when up to 95 per cent of living things were wiped out. Each time, survivors changed, adapted to new conditions and flourished. Still, recovery took millions of years. Humans have been around for a mere 150,000 years. We're an infant species, but our precocity has allowed us to expand expo-

mentally. Now our technological power and consumptive demand are undermining the planet's life-support systems on a geologic scale.

We've become impatient. We're so demanding that we're unwilling to slow down and ensure our major projects are sustainable for human society and the biosphere. Over the past century, we've burned increasing amounts of finite fossil fuels that were stored and compressed over millions of years, exacerbating conditions that lead to climate chaos. We've clear-cut vast tracts of forest that have evolved over millennia, flooded huge areas under large dams, depleted our oceans with over-efficient fishing technology and spread vast quantities of toxic waste throughout the planet's air, water and soil.

Governments rationalize these actions by claiming to do proper environmental assessments, but continue to impose restrictive time limits on assessment processes while reducing the number of scientists and other staff who do the work. It takes time to acquire scientific information, and it can't always be done on a strict timetable.

If we truly desire a sustainable society, we require vibrant and abundant nature. To recognize that nature isn't separate from us and fully understand how it provides critical services, we need patience to learn its secrets. We can't survive, let alone be healthy and flourish, without clean air, clean water, clean soil and food, photosynthesis and biodiversity. But we're overwhelming nature – and ourselves – with the incessant demands of our ramped-up consumer culture.

Fortunately, people are starting to remember that we're part of nature and that what we do to the natural world we do to ourselves. They're taking notice of the drastic impacts we're having on Earth, our only home, and demanding that we show more care.

In New York on September 21, more than 300,000 people turned out for what was billed as the largest climate march ever, one of 2,646 marches in 162 countries. Leaders of some of the world's largest corporations are calling for climate action and carbon pricing, and distancing themselves from organizations that have worked to stall progress. Even the heirs of the Rockefeller Standard Oil fortune announced they'll withdraw their investments in fossil fuels, including the Alberta oil sands.

With the Blue Dot Tour, the David Suzuki Foundation and I are hoping to encourage all Canadians to become part of this growing movement to protect the air, water, soil and biodiversity that we and our children and grandchildren need to survive and be healthy. Like nature, social movements sometimes take time to evolve and unfold. We don't always see their impacts as they happen. If we expect a dazzling blur of activity and immediate results, we'll be disappointed.

Let's slow down, breathe, listen, look and feel. Only then will we understand our place in the world and what we must do to live well on this small blue dot spinning in an enormous universe.

Dr. David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation.

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Junior curlers take to ice for game experience

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Curling Club hosted an eight-rink funspiel on Nov. 15 for junior curlers aged eight to 14.

Four Didsbury rinks and four out-of-town rinks from Calgary, Airdrie and Red Deer competed in the event, designed to give the younger curlers a chance to practise their skills in a game situation. Each of the rinks was guaranteed three games with play-off rinks curling extra games. The games were shortened to four ends so that the curlers wouldn't tire themselves out.

"They seem to be having a lot of fun," said Tina Schultz, the main organizer of the event. "We're kind of

labelling it a funspiel. It's not too competitive."

"It's (designed for) the kids that are participating in curling to have a tournament organized for them. It is promoting our junior club."

The Didsbury rink of Kaleb Rauhala, 11, his twin brother Chase and younger brother Donovan competed with skip Hunter Reese as one of the four Didsbury rinks. Kaleb, who has been curling for three years, said he had a great time at the event.

"I liked throwing rocks, and finding the perfect throw. That was the best part," he said, adding he likes competing to see how good the other rinks are.

See Curling on p.8



Noel West/MVP Staff

Team Gaida member Hannah Airey throws a rock during the team's game at a junior curling bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Club on Nov. 15.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY



Town Office: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm 403.335.3391
Public Works: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm 403.335.8343
Information Line 403.335.2030
After Hours (Toll Free) 866.527.5866
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www.didsbury.ca

PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 6:00 pm.
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday December 10, 2014 at 4:30 pm
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

Employment Opportunities

The Town of Didsbury is currently accepting applications for:

- » Child Care Worker High Part-time
- » Heavy Equipment Operator

For more details and how to apply, please go to www.didsbury.ca/careers

2014 Supplementary Assessment & Taxation Notices

The final assessment complaint date is January 3, 2015

Please contact Marilyn at 403.335.3391 ext. 1107

ROLLOUT CART PICK-UP SCHEDULE

	November	December
Black Bin	18, 19, 20	2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 30, 31
Green Bin	19, 20	pick-up ceases until the spring

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**Town of Didsbury
2015 Budget Meeting**
Friday, November 21, 2014
Starting at 9:00 am in Council Chambers
This meeting will be open to the public.

New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for these proposed developments:

DP 14-86	2813 - 19 Street	Fabric Storage Structure - w/conditions	I2
DP 14-89	31 Southridge Crescent	Demolition - w/conditions	R3
DP 14-90	31 Southridge Crescent	Single Family Dwelling, Move In - w/conditions	R3

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **December 2, 2014**.

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

Snow Removal

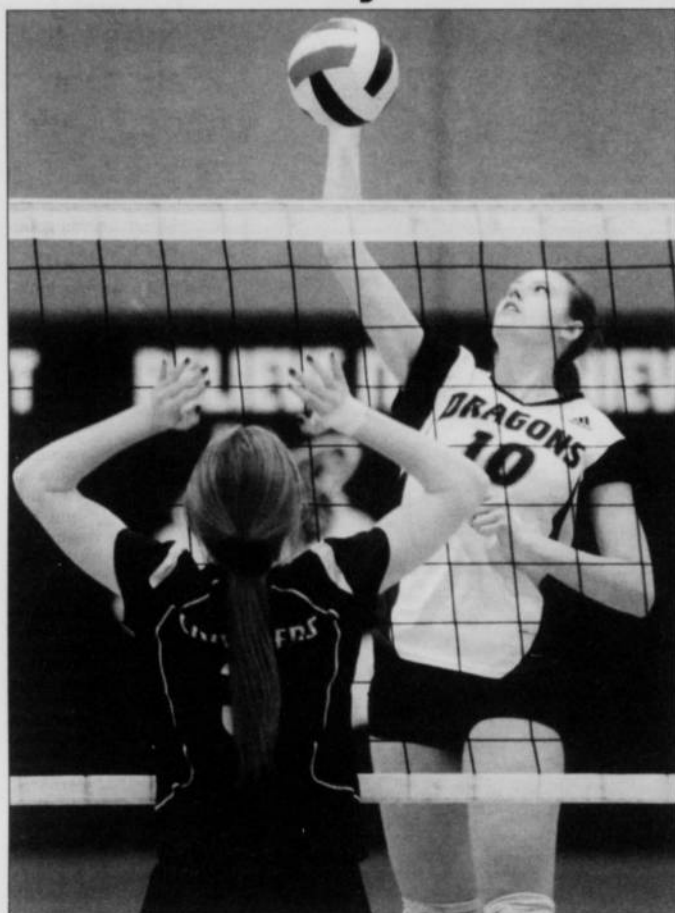
Please remember that the Community Standards bylaw requires all residents to have their snow cleared from the sidewalk adjacent to their houses within 24 hours after the last snowfall. Municipal Enforcement Officers will be proactively enforcing this bylaw all winter.

This will help ensure that people using the sidewalks are safe from slipping on the ice. Thank you to all those that regularly shovel your walks within 24 hours of the snowfall and a big thank you to all those good neighbors that go the extra mile and shovel the sidewalk next door or help out the person who cannot easily do it themselves.

Peace Officer Derek Sutherland

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Girls volleyball team finishes out of playoffs



Noel West/MVP Staff

Didsbury High School Dragons senior volleyball player Anna Houtman spikes the ball during the Dragons game against the St. Joe's Crusaders at the zone playoffs at Hugh Sutherland School on Nov. 14.

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury High School (DHS) senior girls volleyball team had a disappointing finish to its season last week, finishing with a 1-3 record at the South Central zone tournament on November 14 and 15.

The team did not qualify for the playoff round at the tournament, hosted by Hugh Sutherland School in Carstairs. The Dragons lost successive matches to Three Hills School, Strathcona Tweedsmuir School and St. Joseph's High School

from Brooks, before rallying in its final match and beating South Central High School from Oyen.

"We failed to make the playoffs. The top three teams came out of our pool," Henry Paulgaard, the team's coach, said. "We had an average weekend. We had some good moments and some not-so-good moments. We were somewhat flat throughout the whole weekend."

Paulgaard said despite the disappointing way the season finished, the Dragons still had a good season.

The team went undefeated in Chinook's Edge South Athletic Association play, winning the league title as well as having some good showings at various tournaments throughout the season.

"All-in-all, I think the girls had a good season," Paulgaard said one of the highlights of the season was hosting a tournament at DHS. Vauxhall, Three Hills, Strathcona Tweedsmuir, Spirit River, Magrath and Acme all attended the tournament and will vie for the provincial championship.

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124 - 1 Street NW, Sundre, Alberta

Date: Tuesday, December 2nd
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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Mountain View
Seniors' Housing

Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce

The downtown lights are a very large part of what makes Country Christmas such a wonderful promotion each year and as you can, see the lights are almost finished. I would like to thank all those who came out to make it all possible. Thanks to the Elks, as always, for the use of the hall, so that on the cold weekends we did not have to be outside. Thank you to the following for all their help with the fluffing: Ian & Jennifer Kennedy, Margo Ward, Cherry & Albert Ohlhauser, Shelley Fakir, Dan & Deb Pelletier, Ursula Krebs, Dennis Ranks, and of course our man with the truck, Ron Townrow, who takes so many hours to hang the lights once we have them fluffed. Thank you to every one for the fun time visiting and getting this done early enough to take advantage of the good weather.

Didsbury Country Christmas will take place on Friday November 28th, 2014. Tell all your friends, family, and neighbors, to point their car to Didsbury for an exciting old fashioned Country Christmas. Bring the kids for a free picture with Santa at the Train Station, hop on board a horse drawn wagon for a ride around town or visit Rudolph's Friends at the petting zoo. The Reindeer were not able to attend this year so Santa has sent some of his other friends to greet the children. Participate in the many draws for free turkey/trimmings gift cards at participating businesses all marked with a large turkey poster. Stop for Beef on a Bun at the Train Station or perhaps some cotton candy for that sweet tooth, hosted by the 1st Didsbury Scout Group from 5:30 to 9 pm.

Linda Sirr will be at the Train Station, once again, taking donations for the Christmas Hampers. This is such a needed and worthy cause, please stop and talk with Linda or call her at 403-335-2378. We urge you to give this program your full support. All of the hampers are distributed to less fortunate families in our community.

The Library will also be involved from 6pm-10pm. Come and enjoy a mulled cider, hot chocolate and homemade goodies. There will be Glass Art Bookmarks by Jean Elliott, letters to Santa and Cheek Art for the little ones and much more.

There is such a special atmosphere on the streets that night, as old friends meet again, or we possibly make new ones, as we shop at some of the best businesses in Southern Alberta. Didsbury retailers offer some of the most unique shopping in this province, whether it is a gift or a special treat just for you. Great specials will abound that night...you'll find it all in Didsbury during Country Christmas!

A final reminder that the Didsbury Chamber will be hosting the annual residential light decorating contest for those who take the time to decorate their homes. We will be judging the week of December 7th to the 13th, so please leave your lights on that week if you wish to participate. We will also judge in the country but we must be given a proper land description with directions so that we don't get lost!

For more information about all of these events please call the 403-335-3265 or e-mail us at info@didsburychamber.ca or check our web site at www.didsburychamber.ca or like us on Facebook.

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Colts earn two victories on road

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts earned two victories on the road during weekend games in the Heritage Junior Hockey League.

The Colts were 9-3 victors over the Strathmore

Wheatland Kings on Nov. 14 and beat the Three Hills Thrashers 4-3 the next night in Trochu.

In the game against the Thrashers, the two teams were tied at 2-2 after one period on goals by Shane Bosomworth and Cole Sutherland for the Colts, while Michael Stoetzel

and Cody Keith replied for the Thrashers.

Sutherland got the lone goal of the second period to give the visiting Colts a 3-2 lead going into the final period.

Ryan Klinck got what proved to be the game-winner at 14:57 of the third period as Stoetzel replied 53 seconds later for the Thrashers.

The previous night, Thompson scored four goals for the Colts against the Wheatland Kings, while Cole Sutherland added three assists. Jake Carlson got the victory in nets, stopping 20 shots.

The Colts jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one period on goals by Thompson and Ben Strautman.

Thompson then got his second of the game early in the second period before Kirby Ruzesky got the Wheatland Kings on the board. Thompson got his third goal of the game and restored the Colts' two-goal advantage 6:09 later. Austin Pedersen, Strautman and Jacob Vander Zaag gave the Colts a 7-1 advantage

after two periods of play.

In the third, Brett Dumaine scored his first of two goals in the period for the Wheatland Kings, but those tallies were offset by goals from Thompson and Ryan Klinck.

The Colts' next home action is a Nov. 19 game against the Red Deer Vipers.



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November 27 - Calgary Jazz Orchestra

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Lea Smaldon/MVP Staff



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GIVING THANKS — Gerry Samoisette, lecturing knight of the Didsbury Elks Club, lays a wreath during the community Remembrance Day ceremony at the multipurpose room of the Didsbury Memorial Complex. The ceremony attracted about 400 people.

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\$349,900

1 Mile South of Didsbury



Terrific acreage on pavement, 2.67 acres, 1392 sq ft character home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, older barn, lots of mature trees and room to roam.

\$309,900

37 Sandpiper Drive



3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, open plan, great basement setup for entertaining, fully fenced, nice subdivision near the high school.

\$369,900

1203 - 21 Street



Over 1400 sq ft bungalow, recent upgrades, 3 + 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, tankless hot water system, walk up from basement, double heated detached garage.

\$284,900

3.16 Acres Near Didsbury



1160 sq ft home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, 18' X 26' heated workshop, 40' X 60' quonset, on pavement, great little hobby farm set-up

\$489,000

46 Stromsray Gate, Carstairs



Spacious floor plan in this 56+ condo unit, hardwood floors, coffered ceiling in living room, gas fireplace, amazing ensuite, covered rear deck with gas hookup, double garage, close to the golf course.

\$439,900

52 Stromsray Gate, Carstairs



Fantastic 50+ home, over 2400 sq ft developed, quartz counter tops, large walkin pantry, walkout on third level, gas fireplace, etc...

\$439,900

84 Westpoint Drive



Beautifully maintained 3 level split, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, large fenced yard, super location backing onto acreage.

\$339,900

208 Campus Green



1110 sq ft condo, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, open plan, wrap around balcony, good storage, very nicely maintained, reasonable condo fees.

\$204,900

302 Campus Green



Very well cared for apartment condo, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, air conditioning, balcony with 2 storage closets, well run condo with reasonable monthly fees, indoor parking.

\$179,900

#11 Little Red Acres



1 acre lot on the edge of Water Valley, services to property line, backs onto green space, last lot in Little Red Acres.

\$109,900

2.50 Acres west of Didsbury



Well maintained and upgraded mobile home, wood burning stove, trees, 3 sheds, area prepped for shop, only minutes from Didsbury on pavement.

\$349,900